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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**10 AREA RESIDENTS INDICTED**  
**FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that 10 Kansas City area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms. Today's indictments are part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Ezequiel J. Perez**, 36, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Perez** was in possession of an Armi Tanfoglio .25-caliber pistol on Aug. 12, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Perez** has a 1986 criminal felony conviction for manslaughter.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **James A. Sanders**, 40, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Sanders** was in possession of a Hi-Point .45-caliber pistol on March 6, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Sanders** has two 1995 criminal felony convictions for aggravated burglary and aggravated assault and two 1996 criminal felony convictions for aggravated burglary and kidnapping.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Danyell R. Jones**, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jones** was in possession of a Raven Arms .25-caliber semi-automatic handgun on Jan. 23, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has a 2003 criminal felony conviction for resisting arrest and a 1995 criminal felony conviction for sexual assault.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jeffrey T. Fickle**, 25, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Fickle** was in possession of a Colt .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Jan. 23, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Fickle** has a 2004 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Delbert A. Jones**, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jones** was in possession of a Davis Industries .32-caliber semi-automatic pistol on July 19, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has three 2003 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance, tampering and resisting arrest.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Jesus Morales**, 48, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Morales** was in possession of a High Standard .357-caliber revolver on July 13, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Morales** has a 1982 criminal felony conviction for assault.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Brian A. Myers**, 37, of Gladstone, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Myers** was in possession of a stolen Remington 12-gauge shotgun on June 16, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Myers** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for assault.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Gladstone, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Timothy J. Sears**, 29, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for illegally receiving a firearm while knowingly under a felony indictment.

The federal indictment alleges that **Sears** received a Calwestco Jennings .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol between Jan. 26, 2004, and May 4, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is under felony indictment to receive any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Wesley L. Evans**, 26, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Evans** was in possession of a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, while also an unlawful user of methamphetamine on Jan. 23, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Adam S. Greer**, 19, of Independence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in

Kansas City for illegally possessing a stolen firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Greer** was in possession of a stolen Intrac Arms firearm on Feb. 9, 2004 . Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person to be in possession of any stolen firearm, knowing it would be stolen.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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